# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Development Fee in Government Schools
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the comments of the High Court regarding recovery of development fees from the children studying in Government schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such cases have come to light in other States as well; and

(d) if so, the details of the funds allocated and spent on development and maintenance of the Government schools annually?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): No such comments of High Court have come to the notice of this Ministry. However, education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of the State Governments. Fee in Government schools is fixed by the respective State Governments. Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that they do not charge any development fee in Government schools. Schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) charge a sum of Rs.500/- per month as Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi from certain category of students for activities pertaining to student welfare. Schools under Navodayala Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) do not charge any fee from students.

Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), an annual grant @ Rs.50,000/- is given to each Government and Government aided secondary school as a part of recurring grant for miscellaneous activities including maintenance of the Government Schools. Development activities are also approved for strengthening of existing schools based on proposals received from the States and Union Territories. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a maintenance grant upto Rs.5000/- per annum is given to a school with three classrooms. Schools with more than three classrooms are given a maintenance grant upto Rs.10,000/- per year subject to the condition that overall eligibility for the district remains at Rs.7,500/- per school.
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